

**THE NORTH HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
5 LINSLEY STREET  
NORTH HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

**MINUTES**

Date: April 14, 2011

Attendance at this REGULAR Meeting: Sandra Cummings, Stephen DiCapua, Bert Mozealous, Alicia Clapp, Carole Franceschet, James Hogan, Anita Anderson, Wesley O'Brien, Bryan Bogen, Patricia K. Brozek, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Robert D. Cronin, Superintendent of Schools

7:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of March 10, 2011

Motion: to approve the Minutes of March 10, 2011

Approved

MOVED: James Hogan  
SECOND: Alicia Clapp  
AYE: 9  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Budgets:

- a. 2010-2011 Budget
- b. State and Federal Funds
- c. Extra-Curricular Activities

Moved: to accept budget reports and place them on file

Approved

MOVED: James Hogan  
SECOND: Bert Mozealous  
AYE: 9  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

3. Report of Standing Committees

- a. Finance and Operations

Mr. DiCapua reported Finance and Operations met this evening. He stated Finance and Operations discussed the issue of the \$195,000.00 in snow removal that has to be paid for out of this year's budget. He stated that there are some accounts that they are trying to recoup that money from (e.g. health insurance, gas, electric, etc) Mr. DiCapua reported the worst case would be that the Board of Education would have to go to the Town and request some help, however he is hopeful that it would be handled on the BOE side.

Mr. DiCapua reported that the bus contracts are out to bid and expects the contracts to come back on April 25, 2011. He stated that there were 6-7 bus companies.

Mr. DiCapua stated that the vote for next year's budget is May 17, 2011. He stated that he is hoping that the budget gets passed that night, without having to cut the budget further.

Mr. DiCapua also reported that there was additional glass and building materials rising up from the multipurpose field at our athletic complex. The students have not been playing on that field. He stated that he will be investigating how to get that field back in shape for the students to play on.

b. Personnel

1. Nurses Tentative Agreement 2011-2014

Dr. Hogan stated that the Nurses Contract would be voted on upon return from Executive Session

2. Approval of an extended leave for Anne Connellan, Clintonville Elementary School Teacher for the 2011-2012 school year      Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp  
SECOND: Carole Franceschet  
AYE: 9  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN 0

c. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

2. Approval of Ridge Road Elementary School fifth grade field trip to Sturbridge Village on May 17, 2011 (see attached)

Moved: To approve the Ridge Road Elementary School fifth grade field trip to Sturbridge Village on May 17, 2011      Approved

MOVED: Bryan Bogen  
SECOND: James Hogan  
AYE: 9  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN 0

3. Approval of North Haven High School field trip to Ellis Island, Little Italy, and East Side Tenement Museum in late April/May (see attached)

Moved: To approve North Haven High School field trip to Ellis Island, Little Italy And East Side Tenement Museum in late April/May      Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp  
SECOND: Wesley O'Brien  
AYE: 9  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN 0

4. Approval of North Haven High School field trip to the Metropolitan Museum in New York City on May 17, 2011 (see attached)

Moved: to approve North Haven High School Field trip to the Metropolitan Museum  
In New York City on May 17, 2011

Approved

MOVED: Anita Anderson  
SECOND: James Hogan  
AYE: 9  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN 0

5. Approval of North Haven High School field trip to Virginia Beach, April 28, 2011-May 1, 2011 to attend the Festival For Band, Jazz Bands, Orchestra, Choirs, etc. (see attached)

Moved: to approve the North Haven High School field trip to Virginia Beach,  
April 28, 2011-May 1, 2011 to attend the Festival for Band, Jazz Bands,  
Orchestra, Choirs, etc.

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp  
SECOND: Wesley O'Brien  
AYE: 9  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN 0

6. Approval of North Haven Middle School field trip to South Street Seaport, New York, NY in early May (see attached)

Moved: to approve the North Haven Middle School field trip to South Street Seaport,  
New York, NY in early May

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien  
SECOND: Alicia Clapp  
AYE: 9  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN 0

Ed Gomeau stated with regards to above field trips who were using ABC Bus Co., they have been replaced with Dattco Bus Co.

Mrs. Franceschet reported that Curriculum, Instruction and Planning met April 4, 2011. She stated they discussed the new report card rubric. Mrs. Franceschet reported that there was a lot of positive feedback from teachers and that parents will get the rubrics as well as area preschools. She reported that a Curriculum, Development and Evaluation Guide was revised by Curriculum Council and shared at this meeting. Mrs. Franceschet stated that after school reading and technology courses are being offered to meet CEU requirements for teachers.

The next Curriculum, Instruction and Planning Meeting will be May 2, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the Administrative Building.

#### 4. ACES

Mrs. Clapp reported the approximately 12 budgets were approved this afternoon at ACES. Mrs. Clapp stated that there was a presenter named Yvonne Battat from Amity, who competed in the Greenwich Shakespearean Festival and came in first place. Yvonne will represent ECA at Lincoln Center in June.

#### 5. North Haven PTA Council

Mrs. Franceschet reported that PTA Council met on March 28, 2011. She stated that Dot Logan reported on CEA sponsored workshops on professional development. Mrs. Franceschet reported that there were two modules offered. Mrs. Franceschet reported that Jo Papa Kenney shared the importance of budget awareness and encouraged parents to get out and vote on May 17, 2011. Mrs. Franceschet reported that the Hamden and North Haven PTA Council joined together to bring area families an expo of summer camp choices for K-9. That was held on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at Hamden Middle School. Mrs. Franceschet stated that Mr. Piazza, Principal at North Haven Middle School will be visiting each of our elementary schools to talk about transitioning from elementary to middle school.

The next PTA Council meeting will be Monday, May 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at North Haven High School in the library.

#### 6. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent reported:

- That he has met with Central Office Administrators, Principals, and representatives from the Administrator's Union and Teacher's Union and learn as much as he can about the North Haven School System. Dr. Cronin reported that next week he will be meeting with members of the Board of Education. Dr. Cronin also stated that when school resumes on April 25<sup>th</sup> he will be spending three days in each school, visiting teachers and classrooms. Once all that those visits are complete, Dr. Cronin will have a better picture of where we are and what needs to be done in the district. Dr. Cronin asked, at this time, for a moratorium on any new initiatives until he clearly understands what we are involved in, how the district is doing and what additional work needs to be done.
- North Haven High School has started a Drama Honor Society that recognizes and rewards excellence among participants in the theater arts program. Twenty students will be inducted in June. Mr. Giordano and a group of Project Green volunteers were recognized by the town's Director of Public Works for conducting a clean-up on Saturday, April 9, 2011 at Hansen Farm Park.
- Green Acres School will host a Family Celebration of Poppy's Return Home on April 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be games, crafts, music and discussion. Poppy is the book that the entire school read back in March.
- Clintonville fifth graders have participated in two workshops on Brazilian martial arts and dance this week. They will perform for the Clintonville community on Friday afternoon.
- Dr. Cronin also reported that North Haven was recently reminded by the State Department of Education that North Haven is scheduled to begin negotiations with the administrators' group this year. Negotiations begin October 4, 2011. He reported that mediation is scheduled to begin November 23, 2011.

#### 7. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

8. Executive Session: contract negotiations

7:50 p.m.

Motion: to move into Executive Session for matters of contract negotiations

Approved

MOVED: Bert Mozealous  
SECOND: James Hogan  
AYE: 9  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN 0

8:35 p.m.

Motion: to move to go into Public Session

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien  
SECOND: Carole Franceschet  
AYE: 9  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN 0

Mrs. Cummings stated that there are no changes in the contract and there are no wage increase from 2011-2012. She stated 2012-2013 there is a 1% wage increase. There is a change in the medical plan designed to match the teachers PPO Plan, with higher co-pays identical to the teacher's medical plans, and the increase to the employee medical contributions to 9%. Another change is a change to the Charge Nurse's position with a new description to Nursing Supervisor. There will be an increase in the Nursing Supervisor's salary of 2% because of her additional duties. For the 2013-2014 school years, the wage increase would be 1%. The total net cost of this agreement is estimated to be \$5,900.00 over a three year period.

Motion: to approve the Nurses Contract July 1, 2011-June 30, 2014

Approved

MOVED: Carole Franceschet  
SECOND: Anita Anderson  
AYE: 9  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN 0

Motion: To revise existing agenda to give Sandra Cummings, Chairman of the Board,  
authorization to sign said Nurses Contract

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien  
SECOND: Carole Franceschet  
AYE: 9  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN 0

9. Adjournment 8:40 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien  
SECOND: Carole Franceschet  
AYE: 9  
NAY: 0  
ABSTAIN 0

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra Cummings*

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Chairman